

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## DELTA-MENDOTA CANAL / CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT INTERTIE PROJECT PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

August 1, 2006 - Sacramento

August 3, 2006 - Stockton

Public involvement is a vital component of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. It serves to include the public in the decision making process and to allow full environmental disclosure. The purpose of scoping is to obtain information that will focus the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on significant issues. NEPA regulations define scoping as "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action." Scoping gives the public and agencies the opportunity to help identify:

- ✓ Significant environmental or resource issues
- ✓ Project participants
- ✓ Potentially affected geographic area
- ✓ Resources available for the project
- ✓ Project constraints
- ✓ Reasonable alternatives to be considered, and
- ✓ Mitigation measures to be considered

### Meeting Format

Welcome and introductory remarks will begin the scoping meetings. Afterwards, representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation, including project staff and technical experts, will be present at information stations to discuss elements of the Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie project, explain information displayed at the stations, and gather public comments. Comments received will be considered during the development of the Draft EIS.

### Comment Timeframe

Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be received by Tuesday, September 5, 2006, and sent to the address listed below, or faxed to 916-978-5094.

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### Project Website

[www.usbr.gov/mp/intertie](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/intertie)